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SUBJ: OBSERVATORY PROJECT

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1. PASS FOLLOWING INFO URGENTLY TO CY DENNY OF BOLLER CHIVENS
DIVISION THRU PERKINS-ELMER WASHINGTON OFFICE:

2. DR. AL-SABTI RECEIVED YOUR CABLE. ON NOV 24 I CALLED ON HIM
AND PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH FOUNDATION DR. NAJI ABDUL KADIR. DR
NAJI UNDER HIGH LEVEL PRESSURE TO GET PROJECT STARTED AND NOV
30 IS TENTATIVE CLOSING DATE. HOWEVER, HE STRONGLY INTERESTED IN
HAVING YOU BID ON PROJECT AND IF YOU CAN SEND SOMEONE TO BAGHDAD
WITHIN FEW WEEKS TO SHOW SERIOUS INTENT, HE GUARANTEES EQUAL
TREATMENT WITH UK, FRG, EAST GERMAN AND OTHER FIRMS.
IT IS TURN KEY PROJECT AND WINNING FIRM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT, OPERATION FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND
SOME TRAINING. VALUE OF PROJECT IS BETWEEN 10 AND 15
MILLION DOLLARS. HE STRESSED THAT IRAQ WANTS HIGHEST QUALITY
OBSERVATORY.

3. RUTHER DETAILS ON ONE METER TELESCOPE: RITCHY CHRETIEN
TELESCOPE OF 1 METER APERTURE SIMILAR TO 40 INCH BOLLER AND
CHIVENS ONE IN AUSTRALIA. OBSERVATORY LATITUDE ABOUT 34 DEGREES.
CERVIT MIRROR HIGH QUALITY LOW EXPANSION F/8 CASSIGRAIN F/15
1 DEGREE FIELD; B AND C STANDARD MOUNTING; MIRROR CELL DESIGNED FOR
MINIMUM THERMAL INFLUENCE; TELESCOPE MOTION MOTORIZED, SLEWING
SPEED 90 DEGREES PER MIN; SETTING 30 MINS PER MINUTE; GUIDING
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1 MIN PER MIN, DIGITAL DISPLAY, ETC. TELESCOPE CENTER OF MOTION

LO METERS ABOVE GROUND, CONCRETE PIER SUPPORT; AIR CONDITIONING FOR DUST AND HIGH TEMPS.

4. DETAILS ON SECOND TELESCOPE, 2 METERS TO 2.5 METERS: ALL MIRRORS OF CERVIT OR VILOW EXPANSIVE MATERIAL (RITCHY CHRETIEN), PRIME F/2.8 TO F/3/3, CASSIGRAIN F/15, COUDE F/30 TO F/35. MOST SUITABLE MOUNTING FOR 34 DEGREE LATITUDE. CENTER OF MOTION 20 TO 25 METERS ABOVE GROUND. CARRYING 100 KGS IN PRIME FOCUS, SUITABLE OBSERVER CAGE, TV VIEWER, TV FINDER. 20 METER DOME; AIR CONDITIONED; FIRST CLASS CONDE SPECTOGRAPH FOR TELESCOPE SIMILAR TO MAX PLANCKE INSTITUTE; COMPUTER OF HIGH QUALITY AND FUTURE EXPANSION TO CONTROL ENTIRE OBSERVATORY; ALL OTHER NECESSARY ACCESSORIES INCLUDING SPARE POWER SUPPLY.

5. ABOVE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE AND TO ENABLE YOU TO DECIDE IF INTERESTED IN BIDDING. IF SO, STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU SEND REP TO BAGHDAD WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. CABLE EN ROUTE FROM AL-SABTI SHOULD ENABLE YOU TO OBTAIN VISA FROM IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION OF INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IF THAT NOT POSSIBLE AL-SABTI SAID HE CAN ARRANGE AIRPORT VISA.

6. YOU MAY OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON PROJECT FROM DR. M. KAFTAN KASSIM, DEPT OF ASTRONOMY AND SPACE SCIENCE, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, ALBANY.

7. PLEASE CONVEY RESPONSE ASAP.
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